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LETTER DATED 13 JANUARY 1997 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 864 (1993) CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola, which was adopted by the Committee under the no-objection procedure on 13 January 1997 and is being submitted in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234).

(Signed) Nabil ELARABY
Chairman
Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution 864 (1993)
concerning the situation in Angola

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Annex

Report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 1996.

2. A report of the Committee was submitted to the Security Council previously on 17 January 1996 (S/1996/37) and covered the activities of the Committee since its establishment in 1993 until 31 December 1995.

II. SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

3. At its 9th meeting, on 3 January 1996, the Committee elected its bureau for 1996, which consisted of Mr. Nabil Elaraby (Egypt) as Chairman, with the delegations of Honduras and Indonesia providing the two Vice-Chairmen. The Committee held two meetings in 1996.

4. The Committee considered a case of an alleged violation of the embargo against the União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA).

III. ACTION BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL

5. In paragraph 19 of its resolution 1045 (1996) of 8 February 1996, the Security Council reaffirmed the obligation of all States to implement fully the provisions of paragraph 19 of resolution 864 (1993) of 15 September 1993.

6. In paragraph 19 of its resolution 1055 (1996) of 8 May 1996, the Security Council reaffirmed the obligation of all States to implement fully the provisions of paragraph 19 of resolution 864 (1993) and reiterated that continuing acquisition of weapons would be contrary to paragraph 12 of resolution 976 (1995) of 8 February 1995 and undermine confidence in the peace process.

7. In paragraph 18 of its resolution 1064 (1996) of 11 July 1996, the Security Council reaffirmed the obligation of all States to implement fully the provisions of paragraph 19 of resolution 864 (1993), and noted with concern that the failure by States, in particular those neighbouring Angola, to do so was inconsistent with the peace process and undermined economic recovery. In paragraph 19 of the resolution, the Council reiterated that continuing acquisition of weapons would be contrary to paragraph 12 of resolution 976 (1995) and would undermine confidence in the peace process.

8. In paragraph 13 of its resolution 1075 (1996) of 11 October 1996, the Security Council expressed its readiness to consider the imposition of measures, including, inter alia, those specifically mentioned in paragraph 26 of resolution 864 (1993), unless, by 20 November 1996, the Secretary-General had reported that UNITA had made substantial and genuine progress in fulfilling its tasks in the "mediation document" formulated by the Secretary-General's Special Representative in consultation with the observer States and its commitments under the Lusaka Protocol. In paragraph 16 of the resolution, the Council reiterated its concern over the acquisition of weapons contrary to paragraph 12 of resolution 976 (1995), which undermined confidence in the peace process. In paragraph 17 the Council reaffirmed the obligation of all States to implement fully the provisions of paragraph 19 of resolution 864 (1993), called upon all States to take the necessary actions to implement the provisions of paragraphs 19 to 25 of resolution 864 (1993) vigorously and strictly, and expressed deep concern that the failure by States, especially those neighbouring Angola, to do so was inconsistent with the peace process and undermined economic recovery.

9. In paragraph 14 of its resolution 1087 (1996) of 11 December 1996, the Security Council reiterated its concern over the acquisition of weapons contrary to paragraph 12 of resolution 976 (1995), while the peace process was under way. In paragraph 15 of the resolution, the Council reaffirmed the obligation of all States to implement fully the provisions of paragraph 19 of resolution 864 (1993), called upon all States to take the necessary actions to implement the provisions of paragraphs 19 to 25 of resolution 864 (1993) vigorously and strictly, and expressed deep concern that the failure by States, especially those neighbouring Angola, to do so was inconsistent with the peace process and undermined economic recovery.

IV. OBSERVATIONS

10. The Committee reiterates its readiness to act, in accordance with its mandate, towards enhancing the implementation of the mandatory measures, thereby contributing to the success of the peace process.